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In re the application of:

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Application No.: 10/071,888 ✓

Examiner: Nguyen, Phong H.

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Group Art Unit: 3724

For: TOOL LOCK FOR PERMANENT PUNCH TOOLING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Response is filed in connection with the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003 for the above-reference application. The unextended deadline for responding to this Office Action is June 7, 2003. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-28, stated by the Examiner as being drawn to a retainer assembly; or
- II. Claims 29-36, stated by the Examiner as being drawn to a method of producing a retainer assembly.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants, through their attorney, provisionally elect the invention of Group II (claims 29-36) with traverse.

The claims of Groups I and II meet the requirements for consideration in a single application, *inter alia*, in that they each relate to a retainer assembly. Further, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that no serious burden on the Examiner exists.